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SHUN SHUI	dep.	7.50	8.10	7.55	7.65	7.60	8.10	8.05	8.15	8.10	8.15	8.20	8.25	8.30
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SHUN	dep.	8.05	8.25	7.70	7.80	7.75	8.25	8.20	8.30	8.25	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45
YAMAT	dep.	8.10	8.30	7.75	7.85	7.80	8.30	8.25	8.35	8.30	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50
HUNG HON	dep.	8.15	8.35	7.80	7.90	7.85	8.35	8.30	8.40	8.35	8.40	8.45	8.50	8.55
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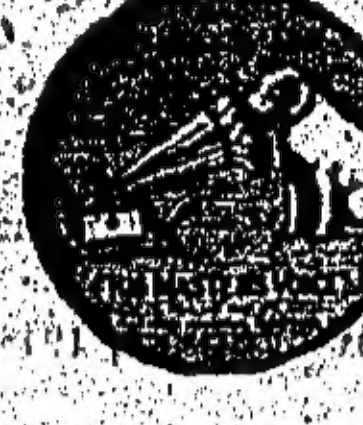
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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of St. Joseph's College took place on Saturday afternoon in the College Hall, the ceremony being performed by Mrs. Pollock. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., presided, and the hall was crowded with the parents and friends of the students, and others interested in the institution.

The proceedings commenced with the following pleasant and varied programme of recitations, duets and songs by the students:—

Overture, Prof. O. Baptista; Chorus, "Ye Mariners of England." The College Choir; Recitation, "The Tramp Missionary's Home, Sweet Home," Master A. M. Xavier; Duets, "Last Board Watch," Masters M. Silva, C. Osmund, A. M. Xavier, and A. Tavares; Piano duets, Masters M. Silva and E. Carvalho; Recitation, "The Prize Winners," Masters J. Urquhart, J. Noronha, S. Garrod, E. MacDougall, E. Noronha, A. Botelho, A. Azevedo, and A. Wahr; Chorus, "The Wolf is on the Hill," The College Choir.

The Principal then read out the report for the year, which showed continued progress.

The school year under review, he said, had been an eventful one for the College. The number of scholars enrolled during the year was 554, and the average attendance 516. There were 35 boarders.

Mr. Ralph inspected the College last June, and reported the equipment satisfactory and the discipline very good. He noted that the syllabus was similar to that followed in previous years, except that, as in Government schools, algebra and geometry were no longer taught in Classes 1 and 2, the time thus saved being given to English subjects and arithmetic.

Six candidates passed the Matriculation and 3 the Senior Local Examination of the University of Hongkong, and 21 passed the Junior Local, making a total of 33. Noel Braga obtained distinction in English, E. Anbuoy and E. Vabois in Drawing. The percentage of passes was 50 in the Matriculation and Senior Examination, and 85 in the Junior. Thirty-one candidates entered for the Preliminary Oxford Local, the results of which are not yet known.

The Principal proceeded:—The danger from public examinations is what people come to think the success or not of a school can be measured by merely counting the number of boys who pass them. An examination can only partially test the work of a school. The training of a boy is a threefold task: he must be given the opportunity of training his intelligence by hard study, his physical powers by regular exercises and hard play, and above all his character by strict discipline at home and in school.

The boys have shown themselves to be sportsmen, and to be a sportsman is a fine qualification for their future careers by imparting to them good feeling, endurance, and discipline. The College had a most successful athletic season. In the Hongkong Schools' Football League the College performed the creditable feat of capturing both the Junior and Senior premierships. The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, in handing the shield to the captain of the Senior team, said that the team had a fine record. In the Hongkong Schools' Sports the College won the team race for the sixth year in succession. In addition to this we carried off the Half-mile Race, the Quarter-mile Race, and the Senior Championship. For the first time the College won the Inter-School Swimming Shield.

The College Athletic Sports were held at Happy Valley on the 16th April and were largely attended. The College students took part in the Chess contest for the shield presented by the Hongkong Chess Club for competition among the schools of the Colony.

The want of class-room accommodation had been felt for many years. We had but 8 suitable class-rooms and we needed 15. This substantial little building supplies that long-felt want. Commenced in September, 1916, it was completed in October, 1917, when 100 pupils were transferred to the eight bright and comfortable class-rooms in the first and second floors. This recreation hall, which forms the ground-floor, is always available for assembling the boys, and for sheltering them in hot or wet weather. To Mr. Little, who designed and supervised the building, and to Mr. J. Chanabong, for his assistance as the director of works, I tender my best thanks. The work has been done in a very satisfactory way.

The College Branch School in Kowloon for the convenience of the younger European children was opened on the 6th September last, and is attended by 65 young pupils.

With I had nothing else to record. Unfortunately the unexpected happened. On the 16th July last the retaining wall, which supported the playground, collapsed, causing the death of two persons and material damage to our good neighbours. A solid wall is being built according to the plan and under the supervision of Mr. F. R. J. Adams.

Those improvements and that sad accident have entailed a very heavy expenditure, which our resources are quite inadequate to cover. Necessity compelled us to appeal to the generosity and charity of the parents of our pupils and the friends of the College. In response to my appeal, the parents have willingly consented to pay \$1 extra per month.

The Government has awarded a building grant of \$5,000. I avail myself of this occasion to record the magnificent donation of \$19,000 by the widow and sons of the late Mr. Li Shek Pang, who was one of the first students of the College after its foundation in 1875. On behalf of the College I beg Mrs. Li Shek Pang and her sons—Messrs. Li Koon-chun and Li Took-lun—to accept my heartfelt thanks. A memorial tablet will be erected commemorating their generosity, and this hall will be known as Li Shek Pang Hall. A gold medal will also be awarded yearly to the first boy in classical Chinese at the Matriculation Examination. To the other benefactors I extend my sincere thanks. The names of all those who have given over \$100 will be engraved on marble tablets in remembrance of their charity. We did not expect to have to meet an extraordinary expenditure of over \$70,000 in less than a year; hence, notwithstanding the liberal gifts we have already received, we shall have to continue to knock at the door of our kind friends and of the well-wishers of the College to pay off the debts incurred.

The prizes were then distributed by Mrs. Pollock, the winners receiving loud applause as they were handed their prizes. The following were the prize-winners:—

CLASS VIII.—1, V. Rodrigues, 2, K. Ishimatsu, 3, M. Medina, 4, A. M. da Silva, 5, H. Pina, 6, C. Marques, 7, L. Fernandes, 8, J. d'Almeida, 9, J. Chow, 10, P. de Rozario, 11, L. A. Siqueira.

CLASS VII.—1, Fung Tak Yui, 2, Francis Lee, 3, Fung Tak Chiu, 4, Yeung Kin Paw, 5, Wong Chiu, 6, Cheong Lu Kuen, 7, Chan Mi Tong, 8, Ho Suk Yee, 9, Lo Ting Koo, 10, Ho Chee Leung.

CLASS VI.—1, C. Silva, 2, C. Assumpcao, 3, H. Montalvo, 4, J. Leo, 5, P. Orosco, 6, E. Oliva, 7, P. Castilho, 8, F. Silva, 9, M. Franco, 10, A. Remedios.

CLASS V.—1, Peter Hui, 2, P. Hon, 3, A. Maria Ng, 4, K. Lue, 5, C. Hin Kwok, 6, Lau Hong, 7, L. Yean Chun, 8, T. Loi Kei, 9, W. Lai Bun, 10, C. Man Shing.

CLASS IV.—1, E. Olson, 2, A. M. Xavier, 3, F. Garcia, 4, T. Braga, 5, L. Ishimatsu, 6, L. Ribeiro, 7, E. Noronha, 8, H. Remedios, 9, L. Remedios, 10, A. Gossan.

CLASS III.—1, M. Silva, 2, F. Young, 3, A. Segal, 4, J. Ward, 5, P. Barros, 6, M. Tye Wya, 7, A. Brown, 8, L. de Paris, 9, E. Souza, 10, D. Xavier.

CLASS II.—1, Y. Man Hoi, 2, T. Hark Yim, 3, C. Sik Wing, 4, T. Ip Kan, 5, C. Kwan Fung, 6, Yeung Fook, 7, L. Kam Tung, 8, H. Shor Cheong, 9, L. Tung Wing, 10, M. Yuk Ting.

CLASS I.—1, H. Barros, 2, A. E. Ribeiro, 3, Arthur de Jesus, 4, L. Pina, 5, J. M. Alves, 6, A. Tse Tak On, 7, L. Ribeiro, 8, B. Concepcion, 9, Michael Loh, 10, C. Cunha.

CLASS V.—1, A. Cambe, 2, S. Macanuna, 3, A. Botelho, 4, H. Braga, 5, J. Uler, 6, J. Edgar, 7, O. Pina, 8, A. Edgar, 9, E. Noronha, 10, A. Rosario.

CLASS IV.—1, L. Yee Ching, 2, L. Chuek Pun, 3, Leung Wing, 4, L. Man Yin, 5, P. Kwong, 6, T. Nam Fong, 7, M. Yun Choi, 8, P. Yee Sang, 9, L. Chui Pui, 10, S. Kwok Wah.

CLASS III.—1, Kai Yip (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2, Chun Chung, 3, Yee Yuen, 4, S. Garrod, 5, A. Azevedo, 6, J. Noronha, 7, E. Noronha, 8, Kwok Leong, 9, M. Umamoto, 10, A. Tavares.

CLASS II.—1, Wah Pin (Old Boys' Scholarship), 2, M. Ono, 3, H. Silva, 4, L. Tebeude, 5, Rahmin, 6, Abbas, 7, B. Aubouy, 8, L. Marques, 9, A. Wahr, 10, J. Urquhart.

PRELIMINARY CLASS.—1, Chow Fung To (Lugard Scholarship), 2, Ho Man Kai, 3, A. V. Ribeiro, 4, Frank Tse Yee, 5, F. Barwald, 6, A. M. Gomes, 7, V. Xavier, 8, E. M. Franco, 9, Nai Kwan, 10, L. d'Almeida.

General Proficiency and Distinction in English.—N. Braga (Brother Peter's Memorial Scholarship).

General Proficiency.—L. Xavier (Bellicus Scholarship).

Religious Knowledge.—1st, E. Anbuoy; 2nd, W. Michael.

Mathematics.—1st, J. Xavier; 2nd, Chow Fung.

History.—1st, W. Michael; 2nd, K. Erani.

Geography.—1st, J. Xavier; 2nd, W. Michael.

Arithmetic.—1st, S. H. Sopher; 2nd, Chow Fung.

Drawing.—1st, E. Anbuoy (distinction); 2nd, J. Xavier.

French.—E. Anbuoy.

Chinese.—E. Anbuoy.

Chinese.—1st, Chow Yick Sing (Li Shek Pang gold medal); 2nd, J. Bin-chang Lin.

Drawing.—J. J. Basto.

Book-keeping.—1st, Chow Yick Sing; 2nd, J. Bin-chang Lin.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS.

The following table shows the standard time at which Official Night ends and begins during the month of February, 1918.

Date	Ends	Begin
February 1st	6.50 a.m.	6.54 p.m.
" 2nd	6.50 "	6.54 "
" 3rd	6.49 "	6.53 "
" 4th	6.48 "	6.52 "
" 5th	6.48 "	6.52 "
" 6th	6.48 "	6.52 "
" 7th	6.48 "	6.52 "
" 8th	6.47 "	6.51 "
" 9th	6.47 "	6.51 "
" 10th	6.46 "	6.50 "
" 11th	6.45 "	6.49 "
" 12th	6.45 "	6.49 "
" 13th	6.44 "	6.48 "
" 14th	6.43 "	6.47 "
" 15th	6.43 "	6.47 "
" 16th	6.43 "	6.47 "
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" 18th	6.42 "	6.46 "
" 19th	6.42 "	6.46 "
" 20th	6.41 "	6.45 "
" 21st	6.39 "	6.43 "
" 22nd	6.38 "	6.42 "
" 23rd	6.37 "	6.41 "
" 24th	6.37 "	6.41 "
" 25th	6.36 "	6.40 "
" 26th	6.36 "	6.40 "
" 27th	6.35 "	6.39 "
" 28th	6.34 "	6.38 "

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE

ORDERS ISSUED BY MR. F. C. JENKIN, D.S.P. (RESERVE).

APPRECIATION.

The Hon. Captain, Superintendent of Police desires to communicate to all ranks and units of the Police Reserve Force his deep appreciation, and that of the regular Police, of the respect and sympathy shown by the Police Reserve in connection with the recent loss of five of his officers, and further to state his thanks for their assistance throughout.

By Order.

T. F. Hough.

A.S.P. (R.) and Adjutant.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1918.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE
HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

NO. 2 VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT, HONGKONG.

Tuesday, January 28th:—8 p.m. Squad and stretcher drill.

Thursday, January 31st:—8 p.m. Squad and stretcher drill.

NO. 3 VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT, HONGKONG.

Monday, January 28th:—4.15 p.m. Recruit drill.

Thursday, January 31st:—4.15 p.m. Recruit drill.

NO. 4 VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENT, HONGKONG.

Thursday, January 31st:—4.20 p.m. Bandaging practice.

Friday, February 1st:—4.20 p.m. Squad and stretcher drill.

Monday, January 28th:—4.20 p.m. Bandaging practice.

Tuesday, January 29th:—1.20 p.m. Squad drill.

Thursday, January 31st:—4.20 p.m. First aid class.

Friday, February 1st:—1.20 p.m. Squad drill.

(Sd.) E. Rattray,
District Supt. in Charge of District.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1918.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie des Commerce de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient, of Saigon, in their report dated January 16th, state:—

Owing to a strong demand from all directions our market is firmer and prices have slightly advanced.

From the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1917, a total amount of 1,247,576 tons was exported against 1,245,203 tons during 1916.

The amount of rice exported from the 1st of January up to the 5th of January, 1918, is 26,768 tons against 14,531 tons in 1917.

We quote to-day:—White, Saigon rice No. 2 Sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong dollars: 3.07 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon, for January-February shipment.

Senior Local (Passes):—1, M. A. Camero; 2, A. A. Abdoolrahman; 3, R. M. Omar.

Junior Local (Passes):—1, W. Michael; 2, C. Guinguan; 3, Loo Pak Luk; 4, Robert White; 5, R. Siqueira; 6, M. Go Koo Cheng; 7, P. O'Brien; 8, J. Chow Fung; 9, R. Vabois; 10, D. P. Cooper; 11, F. X. Gomes; 12, K. H. Erani; 13, Jose Xavier; 14, A. da Cruz; 15, L. Urquhart; 16, O. Hyndman; 17, A. Almeida; 18, E. Aubouy; 19, Lawrence; 20, N. Braga; 21, A. Hoosonally; 22, S. A. Sopher; 23, J. V. Cordeiro; 24, G. Miller; 25, L. Xavier.

At the conclusion of the distribution the Chairman thanked the Principal for giving him and Mrs. Pollock such a pleasant reception. He congratulated the students on their successes during the year, and expressed the hope that the coming year would be as successful. He said he was sure the training at St. Joseph's was one which would stand them in good stead in the future. He pointed out the necessity for hard work and good work, especially at the present day, when competition was so keen and all employers were on the lookout for fully equipped young men. They had to study well to be successful, and he enjoyed them all not to forget that the college laid the foundation for a useful social, business or political career in the future.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

TRADE OF HONGKONG.

The following statistics have been taken from the fortnightly price current and market report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

IMPORTS.

The stocks on January 24th were: 290 chests of Patna, 103 chests of Benares, 135 chests of Malwa, and 5 of Persian and Turkish. During the interval from January 10th no opium was exported to Shanghai, East Coast ports, Macao or Canton. In unrefined Benares opium the balance of stock on January 24th was 15 chests of Patna and 24 chests of Benares. During the preceding fortnight no opium was imported.

EXPORTS.

There is nothing to report as regards the export market, the conditions having remained practically unchanged.

IMPORTS.

In Cotton Piece-Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods there is nothing to report, and a quiet period is anticipated up to China New Year. Cotton is quoted at 23/8d. In Cotton Yarn prices have further advanced 3d to 5d per bale, but business has been of small volume. Bombay market keeps steady at the advanced, and prices ruling here are much below replacing cost. Quotations are: No. 10s at \$152/188; No. 12s at \$188/190; No. 16s at \$195/205; No. 20s at \$212/245.

Arrivals: 700 bales, 2,000 bales. Shipments: 250 bales. Unsold stock, 2,000 bales. Bargains, 12,000 bales.

The Woolen Market is practically stagnant and dealers are very poor. In the Metal Market the lower cask quotations from America and the approach of Chinese New Year have had a weakening effect; in fact, some lines have considerably slumped. Steel bars, which were bought some months ago by dealers at \$19, \$17 and \$15 a picul, are now obtainable locally for \$12 to \$13 per picul. Iron bars are as low as \$10 a picul. A considerable quantity of Steel bars have still to arrive at high figures. Prices of Steel plates vary a great deal according to thickness. The thinner sizes, of which there seems to be a large stock, are considerably cheaper than the thicker sizes—3/16, 1/2, and 1 are obtainable at about \$20; while thicker sizes are about \$30 to \$31. Tin plates locally are about \$30, and prices are nominal. The market in wire nails is fairly steady. Forward business has been done in small sizes at \$25 down to \$22 (sizes 1 to 1 1/2 inch). Sizes 1 1/2 to 3 inches are obtainable at \$15.50 per picul, and 1 to 1 1/2 inch at \$17 to \$18. Lead is down to \$18 with no buyers and poor enquiry. In all metals sellers seem to predominate, dealers apparently anticipating lower prices. In yellow metal business is nominal.

There is no change to report in Petroleum products. In Window glass a small business found the books at \$33 for shipment from America during February-March. At present it is considered inadvisable to quote for Coal. The Sugar and Rice markets are steady. There is no quotation for Saltpetre. The export of saltpetre is prohibited from Calcutta. There are no stocks locally.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY.
THEFT FROM A SHIP.

Two coal coolies were charged with stealing a quantity of rope from a Japanese steamer in harbour.

Inspector Browne said the defendants were employed as coal coolies, and while working, stole the rope from the ship's hold and took it to a sampan, when they were arrested.

Mr. H. Tamaka, Chief Officer, said the ropes were being used for loading and unloading cargo.

Mr. Dyer Bell sentenced defendants to a month's hard labour each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

A Chinese seaman was charged with the unlawful possession of twenty taels of prepared opium on board a steamer in harbour.

Defendant stated that the opium did not belong to him, but to a friend who asked him to sell it.

Revenue Inspector Wildin said he arrested defendant and found the opium concealed in his box.

Mr. J. R. Wood fined defendant \$1,000, with the alternative of six months' hard labour. The opium was ordered to be confiscated.

SALE OF HONOURS.

In the House of Commons last month, Colonel Rawson asked the Prime Minister whether he proposed to take any steps to prevent for the future the sale of honours and the continuance of the system of secret party funds.

Mr. Bonar Law—I cannot add anything to the previous answer given on this subject.

Mr. Fringle—Can the right hon. gentleman say whether a prominent shipowner of German origin has paid £100,000 to get a peerage? ("Oh!")

Mr. Bonar Law—If the hon. member refers to anything which has happened recently there is absolutely no truth in any such statement. (Cheers.)

Brigadier-General Page Croft—Can the right hon. gentleman give an answer to the last part of the question?

Mr. Bonar Law—I can add nothing to what I have said.

Brigadier-General Page Croft—What is the difficulty in it? Is it matter?

Mr. Bonar Law—It requires a great deal more consideration than at present I am prepared to give to it.

Major Hunt—Are we to understand that the practice of buying honours is to go on as usual?

Mr. Bonar Law—My hon. and gallant friend speaks as if he has some knowledge of such transactions. I have not. (Laughter.)

SPORTS

CRICKET.

HONGKONG v. KOWLOON.

This match was the tit-bit of the afternoon, a very interesting game resulting in a not unexpected draw. Kowloon batted first and runs came quickly from the start. Wheeler was well beaten by Donnelly, and after Stalker had survived a confident appeal for a catch behind the wickets, Mead fell a victim to a slow leg-break from Morgan. Claxton never seemed at home, and Cobb, after scoring four, had his middle stump knocked out by Donnelly. Four wickets were down for 85 when Robinson joined Stalker and the Club were in a very favourable position. These two batsmen put on almost a hundred runs and completely changed the aspect of the game before Robinson was caught. Stalker hit out well in all directions and there was a perfect understanding between the batsmen in the matter of running, many of their short runs disconcerting the field and several of them leading to overthrows. Robinson was content to keep up his end with an occasional boundary, while Stalker made the runs. Jossland had a merry 50 minutes for his dozen, and the innings was closed for 200, of which Stalker, undoubtedly, was responsible for 115. In his long innings he returned a hard chance to Morgan when about 30 and hit one up to the same player at over-point when 102, but otherwise his game was free from blemishes. He hit 10 fours and one six, and scored freely all round the wicket. Donnelly bowled tirelessly and well and with a flick more luck would have had a much better average.

The Club started with the usual pair, Pearce and Muriel, and they gave their side a fine send-off, scoring 50 before Pearce was clean bowled. Gray, who followed, only lasted an over, and Donnelly was sent in to hit out. This he did, and, after making 13 in a very short time, was well caught by Wheeler. Muriel played a splendid innings for his score of 73 (which included 10 fours), giving nothing in the nature of a chance. He cut and drove along the ground in beautiful fashion, and his exhibition of sterling cricket has seldom been equalled in Hongkong. Many of his strokes were cleverly placed and elicited much applause from the crowd of spectators. The next three Club men sacrificed their wickets in a vain endeavour to get the necessary runs, and when the bell rang the Club were still 30 runs behind with 3 wickets to fall. Cobb bowled well and had all the batsmen in difficulties. Scores:

KOWLOON.

F. Wheeler, b. Donnelly 5
J. Stalker, not out 115
J. H. Mead, b. Morgan 16
A. A. Claxton, c. Gray, b. Donnelly 4
P. H. Cobb, b. Donnelly 38
L. J. Blackman, b. Donnelly 4
J. F. Robinson, c. Donnelly, b. Pearce 23
E. E. Jossland, not out 12
Extras 10
Total (for 6 wickets) 200

L. E. E. Hodge, R. Pestonji, and A. de Sousa did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Donnelly 18 0 88 4
Morgan 12 0 65 1
Pearce 7 0 37 1
Morgan bowled one no-ball.

HONGKONG.

T. E. Pearce, b. Stalker 32
H. E. Muriel, c. Stalker, b. Cobb 5
Capt. Gray, b. Cobb 5
D. E. Donnelly, c. Wheeler, b. Stalker 13
T. A. Murray, b. Cobb 18
M. M. Mass, run out 0
R. P. Thurlfield, not out 4
R. Kennedy, b. Pestonji 20
Extras 20
Total (for 7 wickets) 170

M. Sutton, F. W. S. Evans, and L. E. Col. Morgan did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Cobb 16 2 55 3
Pestonji 10 3 48 1
Stalker 6 0 47 2

MIDDLESEX v. R.E.

The Engineers met and defeated the Middlesex team by two wickets and 77 runs on Saturday. The Middlesex, as anticipated in our notes of Saturday, were unable to withstand the bowling of Reakes (4 for 18) and Crippwell (6 for 14), and were all dismissed for a meagre 33. Lieut. Dickinson with 11 (not out) was the only player to obtain double figures.

The Engineers replied with 115 for the loss of eight wickets. C.O.M.S. Reakes met with as much success with the bat as with the ball, making top-score for his side with 38. He was assisted by Supper Waller (23, not out), in a partnership which realised 57. Sgt. MacGregor retired after he had scored 17. Scores:

MIDDLESEX.

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L. Cpl. Tebbutt, b. Crippwell 5
Pte. Grove, c. Reakes, b. Crippwell 1
Pte. Woodward, b. Reakes 4
Pte. Smith, b. Crippwell 3
Pte. Purnell, b. Crippwell 3
L. Cpl. Cooper, c. Osborne, b. Crippwell 1
L. Cpl. Heasman, b. Reakes 11
L. C. Thompson, l.b.w. Reakes 3
L. C. Lovely, b. Reakes 6
Extras 6
Total 39

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
C.O.M.S. Reakes 9 2 18 4
L. E. Crippwell 9 5 14 5

Sgt. MacGregor retired 17
Cpl. Adams, b. Purnell 16
Spr. Osborne, b. Purnell 4
C.O.M.S. Reakes, b. Tebbutt 38
Spr. Waller, not out 23
Lt. Wahl, c. Thompson, b. Butterworth 6
Spr. Millard, b. Smith 6
Cpl. Heath, c. Grove, b. Butterworth 6
Worth 6
S.S. Crippwell, b. Dickinson 6
Extras 11
Total (for 8 wickets) 115

L. Cpl. Purnell and Spl. Townsend did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Lt. Cooper 10 2 34 0
Pte. Purnell 7 2 18 2
Tebbutt 4 0 23 1
L. Cpl. Butterworth 3 0 23 1
Pte. Smith 3 0 6 1
Pte. Woodward 2 1 4 0
Lt. Dickinson 2 0 11 1

NAVY v. G.R.C.

The batsmen had it all their own way when the Navy met the G.R.C. on Saturday. The Navy, going in first, lost their first wicket for 33. A. P. Wild being bowled by Un. Hew Fan for 16. Then a fruitful combination ensued. Signaller Hack and Commander Gibson compiling 190 runs before the innings was declared closed at 229 for the loss of one wicket. Commander Gibson, who was unbeaten with 113, obtained 15 fours. He played lively cricket and kept the field busy. He was ably assisted by Hack, who made 60 (not out), which included 5 fours. Between the two they tired out five of the G.R.C. bowlers.

The G.R.C. replied with 151 for the loss of four wickets, and the match thus ended in a draw. Yew Man Tsun, who had scored 47 runs, was the first to go, being caught by Cary of Gibson. Chow Man Ping obtained 21 before he fell a victim to Gibson. Ng Sze Kwong (51), showed a return to his old form. Scores:

A. P. Wild, b. Un. Hew Fan 16
Sign. Hack, not out 90
Commander Gibson, not out 113
Extras 10
Total (for 1 wkt., declared) 229

Lt. Cary, A. P. Robinson, A. F. Henley, Lieut. Seaman Godfrey, Dr. Staley, P. O. Barclay, and Lieut. Sig. Ryder did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Un. Hew Fan 17 2 49 1
Yew Man Tsun 7 0 42 1
Ng Sze Kwong 6 0 40 0
Ching 5 0 21 0
G. Lee 3 0 25 0
Extras 10

Yew Man Tsun, c. Cary, b. Gibson 47
Ho Wing Kin, c. Hack, b. Robinson 37
Chow Man Ping, b. Gibson 21
Ng Sze Kwong, not out 51
Un. Hew Fan, b. Henley 4
G. Lee, not out 5
Extras 24
Total (for 4 wickets) 151

Kwok Shiu Yaa, H. Ching, Wei Lee, Sen, J. Wong, and R. Chan did not bat.
Bowling Analysis.
O. M. R. W.
Cdr. Gibson 16 4 41 2
A. P. Robinson 5 0 32 0
Sig. Hack 6 1 35 0
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Lt. Baker, run out 1
Bdr. Maun, c. Fane, b. Brayshaw 3
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Gr. Sherman, b. Brayshaw 10
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Extras 7
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The following will represent "The Rest"—W. Michael (St. Joseph's), Kwok Pok Hing (St. Stephen's), E. A. M. Bother (St. Joseph's), and Ng Hong Tai (St. Paul's). E. A. Hyder (St. Joseph's), S. Silva (St. Joseph's), Ho Hang (St. Paul's), Kor Ba Leuk (St. Stephen's), Wong Kien Tang (St. Stephen's), Reserves: Liu Ka Fo (St. Stephen's), Wong Kam Cheung (St. Paul's), C. Mackenzie (Diocesan), Teung Kin (St. Paul's), Tam Ching Huen (St. Stephen's) and L. Xavier (St. Joseph's).

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Waters got away early, but the leather was put behind. Mid-field play followed, and then the Army left got going again, but the resulting centre was cleared by McCabbin. The Defence Corps attacked, but Wood put behind, and then the Corps goal was in danger from a fine shot from Waters, which Goldenberg managed to pump over the bar. McFarish broke through, but was not allowed to get into a favourable shooting position. Shortly afterwards, the same player was responsible for a fine shot, which was well fielded by Turner, the soldier goalkeeper. The Middlesex assumed the offensive again. Waters, on the right wing, being especially prominent in a good forward line. The interval arrived with both goalkeepers uneasy.

In the second half, the soldiers had most of the game for a time. Their wingers were in especially fine form, centering with great accuracy and giving their inside men many fine openings. The Defence Corps played hard, and twice Turner had to run out of goal to clear. About half-way through the second half, the Army pressure was rewarded, a very pleasing shot into the net, well out of the reach of Goldenberg. The game continued interesting until the final whistle sounded, the Corps' goal on one occasion having a narrow escape as the result of a centre by Waters. The Defence Corps tried hard to save the game but without success. Referee, Mr. Loch.

HONGKONG LEAGUE, DIVISION II.
ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, 5;
MIDDLESEX RES., 0.
Played on the Navy Ground, this match proved an easy win for the Artillery. The defence of the soldiers was weak, although the goalkeeper, in spite of letting two goals get past him, played quite a good game and saved a number of shots in creditable style. In the first half the College scored two, for which K. B. Hyndman and Ogley were responsible.

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KOWLOON 4, 87th CO. R.G.A., 0.
This match between Kowloon and the 87th Co. R.G.A. in the second Division of the League was played on Saturday on the Navy ground and ended in a win for Kowloon by 4 goals to nil. From the commencement the Kowloon team pressed and were continually attacking their opponents goal. The Gunners also put in some good work, with the result that no goals were scored in the first half. In the second half, Knight opened the account for Kowloon, and subsequently Abbas and Sutton added the second and third goals. Just on time Knight scored again amidst applause.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th Jan. at 10 A.M. by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance whatsoever has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVACHINA-JAPAN L.I.N. Agents. [1558]

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES
NOTICE

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from Havre, etc., in connection with above Steamers are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before Noon To-day requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd Feb. at Noon will be subject to rent and landing charges.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 5th Feb. or they will not be recognized.
All damaged packages will be examined on SATURDAY, the 2nd Feb. at 10 A.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
P. THOMAS, Agent. [1559]

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

(Under the Auspices of the V.R.C.)

Preliminary Games ... 250.
Semi-Finals ... 500.
Final ... 1000.
All games to be played at the V.R.C. Winner of the competition to meet Sergt. W. Pratt in a game of 1000 up.
Entrance fee ... 25.
Entries close to Mr. R. C. W. RUSSELL, Hon. Secretary of the V.R.C., on the 31st inst. Prizes:—Championship Cup, Winner of Competition, Kuttner Cup, and for the Highest Break. [1560]

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the ST. GEORGES SOCIETY will be held on MONDAY, 28th January, at 5.30 P.M. in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. (kindly lent for the occasion).

BUSINESS:

- (1) To pass the accounts for 1917.
- (2) To arrange for the celebration of St. George's Day, 1918.
- (3) To elect a Committee and Officers for 1918. [1561]

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Limited, on TUESDAY, the 5th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th January to 5th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.
DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD., General Managers. [1562]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 9th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Reports of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th February to the 14th February (both dates inclusive) during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. [1563]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

ONE CERTIFICATE for One Hundred Shares Nos. 20241 to 20340 inclusive in this Company standing in the name of Mr. HECTOR V. PASTRIC, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.
A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 16th January, 1918. [1560]

NOTICE.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 421 for Twenty Shares Nos. 12036/12035 in this Company registered in the name of WILLIAM ALEXANDER PARSONS MARTIN, has been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof the above Certificate be not forthcoming, another Certificate for the said Shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other or others will be acknowledged.
C. MONTAGUE EDE, General Manager.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1918. [1561]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th, to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., General Agents for the West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1918. [1567]

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th, to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th, to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, Limited, on TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918, at 11.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917.
The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th, to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

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The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 19th, to TUESDAY, 29th January, 1918 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE NINETY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1918, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to 19th February, 1918, both dates inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1918. [1568]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS and the Public are hereby notified that Mr. H. C. SANDPOND, for many years Hon. Treasurer of the Hongkong Jockey Club, having expressed his wish to be relieved from that Office, his resignation has been accepted.
Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS have been appointed Secretaries and Treasurers to the Club as from the 10th January.
Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current season are requested to make payment to Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS, who are hereby authorized to collect all monies due to the Club and will in future disburse funds in settlement of accounts owing.
Messrs. LINSTAD & DAVIS will issue to Members and Members Ladies Tickets of admission to the grand stand and enclosure and will be in charge of the sale of Admission Tickets for the general public which may be obtained as heretofore from Messrs. KEMAR & WALSH, Ltd., or at the gate on Race Days.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong Jockey Club. [1557]

THE WEST RIVER BRITISH STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above Company having CEASED to operate the Steamers "LINTAN," "SANTU," "NANNING" and "SAINAN," all Creditors and others having any Claims against the Company are requested to send particulars thereof (a) in Hongkong to Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong; (b) in Canton to Messrs. DRACON & Co., Canton, in connection with business of the Company at that port; and (c) in connection with West River Ports to Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Canton, and in every case before the Fifteenth day of February, 1918, after which date no claims can be recognized.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1918. [1519]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, 28th JANUARY, 1918.

GERMANY'S REPLY TO THE ALLIES' WAR-AIMS.

ALTHOUGH, as was anticipated, the detailed statement of the Allies' war-aims by Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson has not brought the dawn of peace any nearer, it has elicited a response from Count Hertling which should silence the Pacifists. Flushed by the disappearance of Russia from the ranks of the belligerents and by the success achieved in Italy, the German Imperial Chancellor, unlike his predecessors, disdains smooth and ambiguous phrases and either tells the world bluntly what the Pan-Germans want or uses words that leave no doubt in the mind of any intelligent reader. The rulers of Germany are ready to promise to abandon secret diplomacy and private international understandings if anyone can be found foolish enough to trust them after the contempt which they have shown for "scraps of paper"; and, not unsatisfactorily, the idea of establishing equality of trade conditions, as far as possible, between all the peoples consenting to peace appeals to them as preferable to being excluded from the markets of the Allies. On the subject of "the freedom of the seas" in peace and war we are told that there is no difference between Germany and America, but it will be noticed that there is no specific endorsement of President Wilson's qualifying phrase "except as the seas may be closed wholly or partly by international action for the enforcement of international covenants." Instead, it is calmly declared to be "eminently important" that England shall relinquish strong fortified points on international sailing routes, such, for example, as Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Hongkong and the Falkland Isles. No allusion is made to similar possessions in the occupation of other nations, from which it may be deduced that in framing this demand Count Hertling was influenced by the

desire, on the one hand, to avoid giving offence to neutrals, and, on the other, to enlist the sympathies of Spain, China, and Argentina. President Wilson's proposal to give due weight to the wishes of the inhabitants in settling the destinies of the late German Colonies is regarded as difficult of realisation, and is left over for discussion on "the reconstitution of the world's Colonial possessions"—the italics are our own. The evacuation of Russian territory is regarded as a matter which concerns only Russia and the Central Powers, and consequently no interference by the Allies will be tolerated. Similarly, the future constitution of Poland must be left to the Central Powers, which "liberated Poland from the Czar's régime." The evacuation and restoration of Belgium belongs to questions "whose details will be settled at the peace negotiations," though it will be remembered that on August 4th, 1914, the German Foreign Secretary, Dr. von Jagow, gave an assurance that, under no pretence whatever, would Germany annex Belgian territory. Count Hertling, it is true, still declares that forcible annexation of Belgium or the invaded portions of France forms "no part of the official German policy," but he adds, significantly, that the conditions of evacuation "must take into account Germany's vital interests." Under no conditions will Alsace-Lorraine be given up, because "it is mainly purely German territory, which, through violence and a violation of justice, was severed from the German Empire." The issue here raised is too wide to discuss in detail in this article. Suffice it to say that the title of France to the territory rests, historically, on the events of 1790, and, actually, on the feelings and desires of the peoples of the two provinces as shown from that date to the present day. The claims of Italy, Roumania, and the Balkan States are waived aside as principally concerning Austria, but, though the reply to the proposals with regard to the Ottoman Empire are left "in the first place" to the statesmen of Turkey, the "integrity of Turkey and the safeguarding of Constantinople, with which the question of the Straits is closely connected, are important and vital to German interests." In other words, the Pan-Germans have not relinquished their grandiose schemes in Asia and Africa. The establishment of a League of Nations to safeguard the rights of great and small States alike cannot be discussed "until all the other matters are settled." This means, of course, that if Germany does not realise all her ambitions as a result of the present war she will not be a party to any project calculated to check her predatory designs in the future. In the circumstances, it is easy to understand Count Hertling's reluctance to agree to any reduction of armaments. The question "is quite open to discussion," but he is of opinion that financial considerations will probably work most effectively for a satisfactory solution of it. In short, the speech shows conclusively that the German militarists have not changed their nature in the least, and how foolish it is to entertain any hope of a just and enduring peace until the Allies have triumphed on the field of battle.

H.E. the Governor has appointed Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, to act as his Aide-de-Camp, in addition to his other duties, with effect from the 22nd January, 1918.

It is notified for general information that by a proclamation issued on the 18th January, 1918, the importation of the following articles into the United Kingdom was prohibited, except under license:—Antimony; crude; antimony; ore; antimony; regulus; antimony, sulphide.

The members of St. George's Society are reminded of the meeting which takes place this evening at 8.30 in the Boardroom of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to consider the steps to be taken for celebrating England's Patron Saint's Day this year.

It is notified in the Gazette that H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances:—Military Service, No. 10 of 1917; Hongkong Reserve, No. 20 of 1917; Jury Amendment, No. 21 of 1917.

The friends of Mr. John Hermon White will be glad to learn that he has received a commission in the Devonshire Regiment. Lieut. White was employed by the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., and was a member of the local Volunteer Force. A few months after the outbreak of war, he joined the Army Service Corps as a private, was promoted Corporal, and served for two years in France. He then returned to England and underwent an examination for a commission. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that to-day completes Lieut. White's third year at the Front.

CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR TSINAN.

PEKING, January 27th.

The President departed last night by special train en route to Tsinan, ostensibly to interview the Yangtze Generals regarding the military situation. The Cabinet and Generals saw His Excellency off at Chienmen station, and there were three bands in attendance.

The President was accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture, an Aide-de-camp, three Secretaries, eight orderlies, ten personal attendants, and three hundred soldiers.

The Cabinet will conduct the Government during his absence. The Small Seal was left with the Premier.

The President sent a message to the Tzu-chun, Shenchang, etc., urging them to carefully attend to their duties and stating that he will visit the troops, giving them inspiration.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "CHUNG-NGOI SAN PO."]

SOUTHERN SUCCESS.

SHANGHAI, January 25th.

Wong Kin-ching wired to the Government on the 23rd inst., stating that the Southern troops have attacked Aochow very heavily. Next day he reported that Aochow had fallen, and therefore the Government should abandon their plan of peace.

BANK NOTE LOAN.

A Cabinet meeting has decided to issue a public loan for \$4,800,000, to maintain the notes of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications.

Wu Kwang-shin has occupied Ching-chow.

FUKIEN IN DANGER.

Li Hoo-chee has wired to Peking stating that Fong Shing-tao will attack Fukien and be cannot defend the place. The Government has urged Chang Hwai-tse to help Fukien.

LUNG'S EXPENSES.

Lung Chai-kwong has demanded \$1,500,000 for Military expenditure.

THE MURDER OF P.S. JOHNSTONE.

SPR. BLUMFIELD DISCHARGED.

VICTIM OF UNFORTUNATE CHAIN OF COINCIDENCES.

Sapper William Percival Blumfield, R.E., who was formally charged with the recent murder of Lance-Sergeant Johnstone at Wanchai, was discharged by Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy, on Saturday morning.

A great deal of interest had been aroused in the case, and the Court was crowded with spectators, who were evidently relieved when the Magistrate gave the order for the discharge of the prisoner. They one and all congratulated the prisoner as he was leaving for Wellington Barracks.

Mr. T. K. King, A.S.P., in making the application for the withdrawal of the charge against Spr. Blumfield, said the Police did not propose to offer any evidence because they believed Sapper Blumfield to be innocent of the crime.

On the night of the occurrence the prisoner had unfortunately placed himself within the radius of the scene of the murder. He was also within the range of possible motives for the crime. From these two starting points he became the subject of what could only be described as a chain of unfortunate coincidences. The Police made enquiries before the second appearance of the prisoner before the Magistrate and had elucidated those coincidences. In regard to the other coincidences, Tuesday's events had produced other possibilities which Police enquiries had developed to such a degree that they were able to state that Sapper Blumfield had no hand whatever in the murder of the late Lance-Sergeant Johnstone.

Mr. E. Grist, who was instructed to appear on behalf of the prisoner, said his client had been the victim of most unfortunate circumstances which had led to suspicions of his guilt. It was very satisfactory that these suspicions should have been proved to be entirely groundless. It was with great pleasure that he asked the Magistrate to discharge Sapper Blumfield without a stain on his character.

Mr. J. R. Wood, addressing the prisoner, said:—"It is a great pleasure for me to discharge you, after hearing the statements made. The Police have acted quite properly in the matter. You stood remanded until Tuesday next, but in view of the developments, the Captain Superintendent of Police has asked me to discharge you. Nothing that has occurred reflects in any way on your character."

Sapper Blumfield—Thank you, sir.

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THE WAR.

The following cables were received on Saturday night and issued in the early morning hours yesterday.

General.

(THROUGH BRUTE'S AGENCY.)

WAR-AIMS OF GERMANY. COUNT HERTLING'S REPLY TO ALLIED DEMANDS.

Amsterdam, January 25th.
Speaking before the Main Committee of the Reichstag, Count Hertling said the negotiations were slowly progressing at Brest-Litovsk.

"They are extraordinarily difficult," he said, "and the strange messages which the Russians have sent throughout the world by wireless have occasioned doubt as to whether the Russians are serious, but I hold fast to the hope that the negotiations will shortly reach a satisfactory conclusion. Our negotiations with the Ukraine representatives are in a favourable position."

"The Entente having failed to respond to the invitation to participate in the negotiations, we are no longer under any obligation towards them. We have a free hand for separate negotiations with Russia, nor are we bound regarding the Entente to the general peace proposals submitted to us by the Russian Delegation. Mr. Lloyd George no longer holds the same position as he did in 1917. He seems to wish to prove his power for negotiating, which I formerly doubted, but I cannot read in his speech any earnest will for peace, nor any friendly tone towards us. He declares that he never had any intention of annihilating Germany; he even spoke of respect for our political, economic and cultural situation. But he spoke also about pronouncing judgment on criminal Germany, which had committed every possible crime. That is a tone which we cannot acknowledge as containing an earnest desire for peace."

Count Hertling spoke at some length on pre-war history in order to show the peaceful intentions of Germany. He declared that the motive of the Austro-German alliance was purely peaceful, but hostile conditions menaced the Central Powers. King Edward's isolation policy compelled coalitions. Germany stood in the way of British Imperialism. In the French lust for revenge and Russia's expansion the aspirations of British Imperialism found an only too ready aid.

He proceeded to argue that the Franco-Russian alliance compelled Germany to create protective armaments and he quoted in support of this policy a letter from Mr. Thomas Carlyle to the Times in 1870, saying that Germany would have been mad had she not erected a frontier wall between herself and her bad neighbour, France.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S FOURTEEN CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

The Chancellor proceeded to deal with the fourteen points of President Wilson's speech which were cabled on January 25th, and are reproduced now with the addition of Count Hertling's replies.

(1)—Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at, after which there shall be no private international understandings of any kind, but diplomacy shall always proceed frankly and in public view.

We are ready to accept this proposal. (2)—Absolute freedom of navigation of the seas outside territorial waters, alike in peace or war, except as the seas may be closed wholly or partly by international action for the enforcement of international covenants.

President Wilson demands as his second point the freedom of the seas. One of our main future demands is complete freedom of navigation in war and peace. There is no difference here between us and President Wilson, but it is eminently important for the future freedom of navigation that England shall relinquish strong fortified points on important international sailing routes like Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Hongkong and the Falklands.

(3)—The removal, as far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of equality of trade conditions among all the peoples consenting to the peace and associating for its maintenance.

We are in thorough accord with this. (4)—That adequate guarantees be given and taken that international armaments be reduced to the lowest consistent with domestic safety.

As we have already declared, the idea of restriction of military preparation is quite open to discussion. The financial position of all European countries after the war will probably work most effectively for a satisfactory solution of this question.

(5)—Free, open-minded and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based on the strict observance of the principle that in determining all such questions of sovereignty the interests of the populations concerned must have equal weight with the equitable claims of the Government whose title is to be determined.

The practical realisation of President Wilson's principle will encounter difficulties. It may for the present be left to England to make what she will of this proposal. It will have to be discussed in due time on the re-constitution of the world's colonial possessions.

(6)—The evacuation of all Russian territory and the settlement of all ques-

tions affecting Russia which would secure the best and freest co-operation of all nations in the world. The Russian people have been harassed and oppressed by a government of their own choice. The treatment accorded to them by their rulers in the months to come would be the test of their good will and their comprehension of her needs as distinguished by their unselfish sympathy.

Now that the Entente has refused to join the peace negotiations I must declare interference in this matter as we are dealing with questions which alone are of concern to the Central Powers, and concern Russia the whole world.

(7)—Belgium, the whole world, must be evacuated and restored without any attempt to limit the sovereignty she enjoys in common with other free nations. No other single act will serve as this will serve to restore the confidence among nations in laws which they themselves determined for the government of their relations with one another. Without this healing act the whole structure and validity of international law is forced and impaired.

The Belgian question belongs to questions whose details will be settled in the peace negotiations.

(8)—All French territory should be freed, and the invaded portions restored, and the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly fifty years, should be righted so that peace may be once more made secure in the interests of all.

Alsace-Lorraine is mainly purely German territory, and through violence and the violation of justice, was severed from the German Empire. When we in 1870 demanded the return of land wrong from us in a criminal way, it was no conquest of alien territory, but what to-day is called the annexation. The occupied parts of France are a valuable pawn in our hands. Here, as in the case of Belgium, forcible annexation forms no part of the official German policy. The conditions of evacuation, which must take into account German vital interests, are to be agreed between Germany and France. There can never be any question of the dismemberment of Imperial territory. Under no fine phrases of any kind will we permit the enemy to again take Alsace-Lorraine from us, which has been ever inseparably and intimately linked to Germany, and which has in a highly gratifying manner ever increasingly developed economically and of which more than 87 per cent speak German as their mother tongue. (Loud applause.)

(9)—The re-adjustment of the frontiers of Italy should be effected along clearly recognisable lines nationally.

This principally concerns Austria-Hungary.

(10)—The peoples of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured should accept the opportunity for autonomous development.

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(11)—Romania, Serbia and Montenegro should be evacuated, occupied territories restored, Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea, and the mutual relations of the Balkan States determined on a friendly basis along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality with international guarantees for their political and economic independence and territorial integrity.

This principally concerns Austria-Hungary.

(12)—The Turkish portions of the present Ottoman Empire should be assured complete sovereignty, but other nationalities now under Turkish rule should be assured of security of life and autonomous development; the Dardanelles should be permanently open and free under international guarantees.

To the statement of Turkey the answer may be left in the first place, but Germany would accord them every support. The integrity of Turkey and the safeguarding of Constantinople with which the question of the Straits is closely connected, are important and vital to German interests.

(13)—An independent Polish State should be created to include territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, and secure access to the sea and international guarantees of political and economic independence and territorial integrity.

The Central Empires liberated Poland from the Czar's regime. They are therefore entitled to decide Poland's future constitution.

(14)—A general association of nations must be formed, under a specific covenant, for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees for the political independence and territorial integrity of great and small States alike.

The Imperial Government is ready to discuss the basis of a League of Peoples when all the other questions are settled.

"Mr. Lloyd George's and President Wilson's proposals contain certain peace principles to which Germany has assented and which form the starting point and aim of the negotiations, but the concrete proposals are not satisfactory. Our enemies do not desire to destroy Germany, but cast covetous eyes on their opponents' territories."

The Chancellor declared that the military position was never so favourable.

Count Hertling concluded by saying that the enemies' attitude was still that of victors. Their idea was that Germany must be punished and brought to reform. "They must stop," he said, "this attitude. Our highly-gifted army leaders face the future with undiminished confidence in victory. Throughout the whole army unbroken joy of battle prevails. Let us hold together for victory will be ours and good peace must come. God is with us and will be in the future."

Paris, January 25th.

There has been no comment hitherto on Count Hertling's speech owing to the late arrival of the speech, but the newspapers opine that Count Czernin, acting on the suggestion of Berlin, is endeavouring to entice the Entente into a peace conference or at least start negotiations with the United States.

COUNT CZERNIN'S SPEECH IN THE REICHSTAG.

AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA.

London, January 25th.

Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, speaking in the Reichstag, said Austria had no intention of demanding territory or a single centime of indemnity. After mentioning that the insults of the Pan-Germans were his only distraction, he proceeded to explain the difficulties in the Brest-Litovsk negotiations. For example, after the agreement with the representatives of the Ukraine Rada on the basis of no annexations and no indemnities, the President of the Russian Delegation yesterday telegraphed that the Government of the Republic of Workmen and Peasants, Ukraine, sitting at Kharkov, did not recognise that Rada represented the people of Ukraine.

Count Czernin declared that Germany did not intend to make conquests by violence at the expense of Russia but had legitimately maintained that the numerous expressions made by legislative, corporations and commercial representatives in the occupied provinces during the consideration of the basis of the people's opinion, which could subsequently be secured by a vote of the people.

The Russian Delegation opposed this standpoint. Count Czernin was of opinion that the withdrawal of troops from occupied territories would result in anarchy.

He was convinced that a general peace was not far off. It was merely a matter of resistance. President Wilson's most recent proposals were an appreciable approach to the Austro-Hungarian point of view, but so far as the proposals concerned Austria's allies, Austria would remain faithful to her engagements to fight to the end in defence of her allies.

The words, "in defence" are underlined in the telegraphic text from Vienna.

THE RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

THREAT TO OCCUPY REVAL.

Petrograd, January 25th.

When the Russian Delegates at Brest-Litovsk asked the Germans to specify conditions regarding occupied territories, General Hoffman spread out a war map and drew his finger along a line from the shore of the Gulf of Finland, east of Moscow Sound Islands, thence from Wladimir to Dvinsk and Brest-Litovsk.

The Russian Delegates thereupon mentioned the southern occupied territories, and General Hoffman replied that he would speak of these with the Ukrainian Republic.

A Russian Delegate queried:—If we do not agree to these conditions?

General Hoffman replied:—We will occupy Reval within a week.

The Germans announced that the present adjustment was the last to which they would agree.

BERLIN MOB DEMANDS PEACE.

London, January 25th.

A message from Amsterdam says an important Bank learns that there has been severe rioting in Berlin during the past two days.

A mob marched through the streets demanding peace.

MUTINY AMONG GERMAN MINESWEEPERS.

London, January 25th.

According to a telegram from Amsterdam, a German naval lieutenant who deserted at Kiel and has arrived in Holland, says three weeks ago the crews of minesweeping trawlers were badly handled in a fight with the British. They returned to Hamburg and were ordered to resume duty within an hour, whereupon they mutinied.

They threw an officer into the water and allowed him to drown.

An armed motor launch used its machine-guns against the mutineers, killing 44 and wounding 73.

The remainder were court-martialled and heavily sentenced.

THE SITUATION IN RUSSIA.

RED GUARDS VICTORIOUS.

Stockholm, January 25th.

Reports of civil war confirm that there were sanguinary conflicts at Viborg between the Bourgeois Public Safety Corps and the Red Guards.

The latter were victorious after the sailors had been reinforced.

THE SOVIETS' CONGRESS.

Petrograd, January 25th.

The opening of the Soviet Congress at the Tauride Palace has been fixed for to-night.

BATTALION OF DEATH ARRIVED.

Petrograd, January 25th.

The Battalion of Death was arrested yesterday at its barracks and accused of supporting the Right and Social Revolutionary members of the Constituent Assembly in a plot, all the organisers of which were arrested to-day, when numerous bombs, arms and compromising documents were found.

THE BOLSHIEVS DENOUNCED.

Petrograd, January 25th.

Eight victims of the shooting on the 18th instant were publicly buried to-day. Thousands of mourners tramped for seven hours in melting snow, a distance of fifteen miles to the Preobrazhensky Cemetery. Red coffins exposed the raised faces of the dead.

There were many speeches of the dead. There were many speeches of the dead. There were many speeches of the dead.

ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

One of the murderers of M.M. Shingarov and Kokoshkin has been arrested.

PANIC IN MOSCOW.

Petrograd, January 25th.

While there was a blockade in the capital on Tuesday, thirty people were killed and 900 wounded, including many women and children, in the centre of Moscow.

A large Bolshevik procession, with several machine-guns and armoured cars, arrived at one o'clock in the Theatre Square. Thousands of spectators were heard. When a couple of revolver shots were heard, a terrible panic ensued, and there was much wild rifle and machine-gun shooting by soldiers of the Red Guards in the procession.

The Moscow Soviet affirms that shots were fired against the processionists from the windows of three hotels, on which machine-guns were consequently fired, while armoured cars fired on the Metro-pole.

THE SOVIETS' CONGRESS MEETS.

London, January 25th.

A message from Petrograd states that the Soviet Congress opened at Tauride Palace, being attended by 683 delegates. Trotsky declared that he was convinced that the Western proletariat would come to the assistance of Russia. The dissolution of the Constituent Assembly was justified, because it aimed at the creation of an Upper Chamber. The Maximists were fully entitled to substitute a proletarian dictatorship for the general franchise, in the interests of the form of social revolution.

The Congress elected M. Lenin, M. Trotsky, M. Spiridonova, Herr Liebknecht and Herr Adler as honorary Chairmen.

TROUBLE ACCUMULATING IN THE CAPITAL.

London, January 25th.

Apparently further trouble is brewing at Petrograd.

General Krylenko, addressing the Red Guards, is reported to have said that all liberties must be set aside during the struggle with the bourgeoisie. "We shall shrink from nothing, not even the spreading of wholesome terror and war to all who attempt to cross our path. We will not stop until we have completely exterminated all our enemies."

The Red Guards and sailors broke up a meeting at Petrograd of the Delegates to the Peasants' Congress, which is supporting the Constituent Assembly.

RUMOUR CLOSING OF LONDON PORT.

London, January 25th.

A deputation of London Members of Parliament is interviewing the Shipping Controller with reference to a report that the Port of London is being closed to merchant shipping.

RUMOUR OFFICIALLY DENIED.

London, January 25th.

The Press Bureau says the reported closing of the Port of London is officially denied.

CONSECRATION OF DEAN HENSON.

London, January 25th.

The Bishop of Oxford has withdrawn his protest against Dean Henson's Consecration.

BRITISH COMMERCIAL ATTACHES.

London, January 25th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. King suggested that experienced commercial travellers should be appointed Commercial Attaches to the British Embassies.

Mr. Steel Maitland replied that a Select Committee, including business men, was considering the appointments in British Embassies and Legations on the commercial side of the British Diplomatic and Consular Service.

THE SITUATION IN SPAIN.

Madrid, January 25th.

The King presided at a meeting of the Council to consider the political situation.

The Premier announced fresh disorders at Barcelona, and said the Government were determined to crush agitation.

AN IMPERIAL FIXED RATE OF EXCHANGE.

London, January 25th.

At the meeting of Barclay's Bank, the Chairman advocated the maintenance of a fixed rate of exchange within the Empire, which would give the Dominions a substantial preference, promote trade and economic use of gold.

The balance of trade could be adjusted by closer administration of inter-Imperial finance.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

London, January 25th.

At the Labour Conference at Nottingham, M. Renaudel, the French delegate, said the presence of Allied Labour representatives was being utilised to promote a general Allied agreement on the lines of the British war aims, with the adherence of Labour in the United States. Having achieved such a unity, the belligerent working classes would then be asked to participate in united action to establish a durable peace and overthrow Imperialist world-wide aims.

AMERICA AND THE WAR.

THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL.

Washington, January 25th.

General Bliss will represent the American Army on the Supreme War Council.

ROMANCE OF THE WAR.

London, January 25th.

Another romance of the war similar to Col. Elkington was revealed in yesterday evening's Gazette announcing the reinstatement of Edward Parker England to the rank of Lieut. Colonel in the Artillery, in consequence of his devotion and gallantry in the ranks of the Devonshire. The Gazette of December 12th, 1914, announced that England had been removed from the Army.

SCHIEDEMAN A GERMAN AGENT.

London, January 25th.

A Danish Conservative newspaper at Copenhagen reveals that Herr Scheide-man is not a peace agent, but an agent of the German Government in organising propaganda on a commercial footing most profitable to his employers. The paper says that Scheide-man's employees in Denmark include the Socialist Minister Stauning, the Socialist leader Borgborg, and the Russian leader Parvus, Sklar, and Koslovski.

The journal asserts that this group arranged the peace negotiations with Lenin in return for political compensations. Herr Scheide-man procured at a low price an enormous quantity of coal for the aforementioned, who sell it at exorbitant prices. The same group formed another syndicate for the sale of motor-cars looted in France, Belgium, and Russia.

The Christiania Social Democrat says Scheide-man unsuccessfully tried exactly the same method to buy up the Norwegian Socialists.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF SIR JOHN WOLFE BARRY.

London, January 25th.

The death of Sir John Wolfe-Barry, K.C.B., is announced.

(The late Sir John Wolfe-Barry, K.C.B., had a world-wide reputation as an engineer. Amongst many other appointments the deceased acted as consulting engineer to the Kowloon-Canton, the Shanghai-Nanking and other Chinese Railways.)

Operations in East Africa.

London, January 25th.

An East Africa official communiqué states:—We reached Nanyua, fifty miles inland from Portomalua.

Aerial Activities.

London, January 25th.

The Admiralty reports:—There were no aerial attacks on the Goeben. Seven tons of bombs were dropped on and around the ship during the past 48 hours. Direct hits were also secured on the aerodrome of Galata.

The Turkish cruiser which accompanied the Goeben has gone up the Straits.

We compelled the steamer which was lighting the Goeben to desert. This only casualty was a Greek officer who was shot down.

The operation is continuing.

The Near East.

London, January 25th.

The War Office states the Arabs captured a Turkish convoy eastward of Medina.

GENERAL ALLENBY'S DESPATCH.

London, January 25th.

The Gazette publishes General Allenby's despatch covering the operations from June 28th, 1917, to the fall of Jerusalem. He emphasises the transport difficulties and the water shortages. The routes for transport were extremely limited, and practically the whole available transport, including thirty thousand camels, had to be allotted to one portion of the eastern force. It is told how, before the fall of Gaza, the enemy, who was most strongly entrenched, was kept guessing as to the whereabouts of the main attack, namely at Beersheva and Sheria, and therefore a large scale of operations against Gaza was prepared.

The despatch shows that it was the most rapid consolidation of the British gains in the passes of the Judean Hills, before the Turks could rally, that ensured the surrender of Jerusalem. The passes are historical for causing the defeat of many previous invading armies.

Franco-Belgian Front.

London, January 25th.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was hostile artillery activity in the La Vacquerie and Passchendaele neighbourhoods.

BRITISH FRONT.

London, January 25th.

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WEATHER REPORT.

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From the China Coast, the wind is light and variable, but generally from the north-east. The temperature is slightly above normal. The humidity is slightly above normal. The rain is slightly above normal.

The forecast for the 28th January is as follows: Wind, light and variable; temperature, slightly above normal; humidity, slightly above normal; rain, slightly above normal.

Forecast for the 29th January is as follows: Wind, light and variable; temperature, slightly above normal; humidity, slightly above normal; rain, slightly above normal.

Forecast for the 30th January is as follows: Wind, light and variable; temperature, slightly above normal; humidity, slightly above normal; rain, slightly above normal.

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